**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the State | Waiting List as on 31-3-92 | Waiting List as on 30-9-92 |
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| | **States of Waiting List** | | |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 124938 | 166399 |
| 2. | Assam | 11209 | 14355 |
| 3. | Bihar | 27605 | 30227 |
| 4. | Gujarat (includes Diu, Daman, Dadra and Nagar (Haveli) | 183361 | 215993 |
| 5. | Haryana | 71708 | 83065 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 12020 | 16336 |
| 7. | J & K | 18762 | 21403 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 131970 | 167954 |
| 9. | Kerala | 216849 | 264179 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 73179 | 98488 |
| 11. | Maharashtra (includes Goa) | 428947 | 494322 |
| 12. | N. E. (Includes Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura) | 5494 | 8698 |
| 13. | Orissa | 6060 | 8280 |
| 14. | Punjab | 142849 | 167576 |
| 15. | Rajasthan | 134870 | 163025 |
| 16. | Tamil Nadu (Includes Pondichery) | 224469 | 271660 |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | 96376 | 137509 |
| 18. | West Bengal (Includes Sikkim) | 58784 | 66126 |
| 19. | U. T. Delhi | 317143 | 365366 |
| | | 2286593 | 2760961 |

**Sanctioning of Telephones in Excess of M. Ps. Quota**

1204. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state ::

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone connections, in excess to the quota prescribed for M.Ps, have been sanct'oned on the recommendations of certain M.Ps, during the period from the 1st January, 1992 to the 31st October, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned for Delhi and outside Delhi on the recommendation of each M.P. during this period;

(d) what are the reasons for sanctioning telephone connections in excess to prescribed quota; and

(e) whether Government propose to grant this concession to remainin M.Ps as well ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Damage and tampering of mail**

1205. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of damaging and tampering of mail by the employees of the postal department are on the rise throughout the country;

(b) if so, what are the deta'ils of complaints made by the general public in this regard during the last three years in each State and Union Territory;

(c) the number of cases in which action was taken and responsibility fixed and the number of cases in which compensation was paid; and .

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take to ensure the safety of mail from damage and tampering in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (al to (d) The informa'ion is being obtained and would be placed on the table of the House.

**Group Dialling facilities in Madhya Pradesh Telephone Exchanges**

1206- SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Wi'l the Ministe- of COMMUNICATIONS be p'eased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many telephone exchanges, particularly, the smaller ones in the State of Madhva Pradesh do not have group dialling facilit'es;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to make available the group dialling facilties in all the telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER TN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) l and (b) There are 1566 telephone exchanges n Madhya Pradesh. Out of which 253 are having Group Dialling facility.

(c) Schemes have been prepared for providing Group Dialling facilities in 407 eligible telephone exchanges in Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93 and for the remaining during 1993-94. -

**Losses suffered by Telecom Department**

1207. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently adopted a policy wherein the staff members would be held accountable for the losses of revenue suffered by the Telecommunica tion Department;

(b) if so, in how many cases, Government have fixed responsiblity .and staff members held accountable for the loss; and

(c) what is the extent to which such steps would increase the efficiency of the Department ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS 'SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : (a) Sir, disciplinary rule.s already contain provisions for recovery of any pecuniary loss suffered by the Department from any employee if he is held directly responsible. No other new policy in- this regard has been recently adopted.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Australian Technology for Network Management system in the country**

1208. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Australia had offered "Grant in-aid" for setting up a Network Management System at the national and regional levels in the country and that the offer has been accepted by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telecast technologies offered by Australia is obsolete; and